



JOBS for Kentucky

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The Governor's JOBS for Kentucky initiative promotes economic growth and opportunity by creating nearly 10,000 new jobs, updating an unreliable and unfair tax system and lowering personal income taxes.

Kentucky families will keep more of what they earn

- Most working Kentuckians receive an **income tax cut**.
- Almost 500,000 **low-income Kentuckians** benefit by being **removed from the tax rolls**.
- Families of students attending a public or private college or university in Kentucky could be eligible for a **tuition tax credit** of up to \$500 per student per year. More than 61,000 families who qualify for the federal credit also can receive a state credit.
- **Health savings accounts** help make medical insurance more affordable.

Boosting the economy and strengthening communities

- **Repealing the corporate license tax** (a tax on investment) removes a barrier to recruiting companies.
- **Reducing the maximum corporate income tax rate to 6 percent** stimulates economic development because it makes Kentucky more competitive.
- **Eliminating the intangible personal property tax** removes a tax that penalizes Kentucky businesses.
- **Creating the statewide Kentucky Enterprise Initiative Act** allows eligible companies to receive a refund of sales and use tax on building materials as well as research and development equipment.
- **Broadening the tax base, lowering tax rates, taxing similar companies equally and closing loopholes** will reduce the ability of companies to shift profits out of state and levels the playing field for Kentucky companies.
- **New incentives will benefit the economy and our environment.** A horse breeder incentive helps Kentucky maintain its status as horse capital of the world. Other incentives will stimulate economic development and improve our environment – **brownfields, clean coal, environmental stewardship and biodiesel.**
- **The historic preservation credit** helps preserve Kentucky's heritage and stabilizes our neighborhoods.
- **A 1 percent tax on lodging** will boost tourism efforts.
- An **updated telecommunications tax** treats all communications providers fairly and provides more stable revenue for the state, local governments and school districts.
- **Increasing the cigarette tax** to 30 cents per pack helps defray health costs of smoking, prevents 19,400 children from starting to smoke and dedicates one penny per pack to cancer research at the University of Kentucky and the University of Louisville. Other tobacco products will also be taxed. The **wholesale tax on alcohol** was increased to 11 percent.

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